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Appropriations Committee: re PCSW Budget 2/19/2013

Senator Harp, Representative Walker and members of the committee:

Some forty years ago this body saw fit too constitute the Permanent Commission on the Status of Women. But now we see that the permanent commission on the status of women is not what we would come to expect. The governor in attempt to save money is about to sacrifice women again. As a matter of political expedients. We see that were about to be merge with the commission on children, African-Americans, Latino's and Asian-Americans. The only thing these groups have in common is the small regards that society has for them. Other wise they are mixing apples and oranges. Gender discrimination is not like other forms of other

discrimination. They are two quite different beasts. Though both are regrettable. To combine groups would diminish the value which each deserves. As a citizen of this state and a member of the group I find that I object strenuously. It's not a bad idea it's an insult to women. Have we come this far only to back step I think not. I think we must move forward. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.